(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken for assured and regular supply or naphtha fuel to various power projects in the country;

(d) whether Government have made any agreement with any foreign country for regular supply of naphtha fuel; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) No power project is affected due to poor reserve of Naphtha fuel as there is no shortage of Naphtha for power projects in the country.

(d) No, Sir. There has been a reduction in demand of Naphtha for power plants mainly because of increase in the cost of Naphtha by about 150% over the last 5 years. As a result of the reduced off-take by the power plants, there is a surplus situation in Naphtha and the same is being exported by Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs).

(e) Does not arise.

Pending projects of NTPC

1444. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Power Projects of NTPC still pending for clearance by Central Government, as on date; and

(b) the number of projects making progress with full speed, Project-wise, State-wise and Capacity-wise as on date?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has finalized Feasibility Reports(FRs)/Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for ten new schemes with a total capacity of 9821 MW, Proposals for which are under various stages of clearances/approvals. Details of these schemes are given in the enclosed Statement-I (See below).

(b) NTPC has 11 projects with a total capacity of 10070 MW presently under construction, details of which are given in the enclosed Statement-ll (See below). All the projects are progressing satisfactorily.

Statement-I

New Projects for which FR/DPR have already been prepared and are in various stages of clearances/approvals.

SI. No.	Project	Location Uttaranchal	Fuel	Capacity (MW)	Status of Clearances/ Approvals
1.	Tapovan Vishnugad HEPP		Hydel	520	All key clearances obtained. Land acquisition & infrastructure development in progress.
2.	Farakka-lll	West Bengal	Coal	500	Clearances from State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) & MOEF to be obtained.
3.	NCTPP-II, Dadri	Uttar Pradesh	Coal	980	-SPCB & MOEF clearances to be obtained. -Coal linkage by MOC awaited.
4.	North Karanpura STPP	Jharkhand	Coal	1980	-Key clearances for power project available. -Forest clearance for Dam/ reservoir to be constructed by State Govt. is awaited.
5.	Nabinagar TPS Joint Venture with Railways	;- Bihar	Coal	1000	-All key clearances obtained. -CCEA approval has to be sought by Ministry of Railways.
6.	Lata Tapovan @ HEPP	Uttaranchal	Hydel	171	SPCB & MOEF clearances to be obtained.
7.	Rammam-lll@ HEPP	West Bengal	Hydel	120	TEC from CEA and SPCB & MOEF clearances to be obtained.

SI.	Project	Location	No.	Fuel	Capacity (MW)	Status of Clearances/ Approvals
8.	Rajiv Gandhi CCPP St-ll at Kayamkulam	Kerala		Gas	1950	-Gas/RLNG tie up to be done. -MOEF clearance to be obtained.
9.	Kawas CCPP-ll	Gujarat		Gas	1300	All key clearances obtained. Gas. Supply Agreement to be signed with RIL. Matter is sub-judice
10.	Jhanor Gandhar CCPP-II	Gujarat		Gas	1300	
	TOTAL (New projects for which FR/DPR prepared)				9821	

@ to be implemented by NTPC-Hydro Ltd. (a wholly owned subsidiary of NTPC Ltd.)

Statement-ll

Details of NTPC's Ongoing Schemes

Sl. No.	Project	Location	Fuel	Capacity (MW)	Capacity addition X Plan (MW)	in XI Plan (MW)	Status
1.	Vindhyachal STPP Stage-Ill	Madhya Pradesh	Coal	1000	1000*		Unit-I (500 MW) test synchronized on 27-7-06 Efforts are being made to commission 2nd unit also in Tenth Plan.
2.	Unchahar TPS	Uttar Pradesh	Coal	210	210	—	Work is progressing satisfactorily.
3.	Kahalgaon STPP St-ll Phase-I Stage-Ill	Bihar	Coal	1000	1000*	—	Efforts are being made to commission both the units in Tenth Plan.
4.	Kahalgaon STPP St-ll, Phase-ll	Bihar	Coal	500	500		Work is progressing satisfactorily.
5.	Sipat STPP Stage-ll	Chhattis-garh	Coal	1000	1000*		Efforts are being made to commission both the units in Tenth Plan.

Sl. No	Project	Location	Fuel	Capacity (MW)	Capacity addition in X Plan (MW)	XI Plan (MW)	Status	
6.	Sipat STPP Stage-I	Chhattisgarh	Coal	1980	-	1980		Work is progressing satisfactorily.
7.	Barh STPP Stage-l	Bihar	Coal	1980	—	1980		Work is progress ing satisfactorily.
8.	Bhilai Expansion Power Project —Joint Venture with SAIL	Chhattisgarh	Coal	500	—			Work is progressing satisfactorily.
9.	Korba-lll	Chhattisgarh	Coal	500	500	—		Work is progressing satisfactorily.
10.	Koldam HEPP	Himachal Pradesh	Hydel	800	—	—		Work is progres-sing satisfactorily
11.	Loharinag Pala HEPP	Uttaranchal	Hydel	600	—			Work is progressing satisfactorily.
	TOTAL:			10070				

* on best effort basis.

Effect of privatisation on power distribution

†1445. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that situation has become wrose after the privatization of power distribution;

(b) whether Government have formulated any comprehensive action plan to tackle the power crisis in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government have formulated any action plan for accelerated disposal of the complaints of the consumers; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) Distribution of electricity has been privatized only in NCT of Delhi and Orissa.

Under the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003, distribution of electricity is a licensed activity. The State Electricity Regulatory Commissions grant

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.